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SERVICE DATE - JANUARY 28, 2002

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. WCC-105

DHX, INC.

v.

MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY AND SEA-LAND SERVICE, INC.

Decided: January 25, 2002

DHX, Inc. (DHX), a freight forwarder, has filed a complaint challenging the reasonableness of certain rates and practices of two water carriers in the noncontiguous domestic trade, Matson Navigation Company and Sea-Land Service, Inc., now SL Service, Inc. On December 21, 2001, the Board served a decision in this proceeding denying motions to dismiss the complaint and directing the parties to consult with each other and jointly recommend a procedural schedule by January 30, 2002.

On January 17, 2002, DHX filed a request to extend the January 30, 2002 due date until February 15, 2002. The extension is assertedly necessary to allow DHX's new counsel time to familiarize himself with the issues. DHX states that the defendants have been contacted and agree to the request.

The extension request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The deadline for the parties to confer and jointly propose a procedural schedule is extended to February 15, 2002.

2. This decision is effective on the date served.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary